

## News from

## Congressman Ron Kind

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## Kind Lauds Preliminary Agreement on New Stillwater Bridge

La Crosse, WI. – Congressman Ron Kind (D-WI) hailed the announcement from the Stakeholder Resolution Group that they have reached a preliminary agreement on many of the major issues surrounding a new St. Croix River Crossing.

"The need to construct a new bridge has been clear for some time," said Kind. "Community leaders have run into countless delays and frustrations in their plans to build a new crossing, but we are getting close to making this vital new thoroughfare a reality. I wish to commend the stakeholder group for all of their hard work."

Congressman Kind testified before the House Subcommittee on Highways, Transit and Pipelines to request important funding for the Stillwater Bridge construction project to replace the current antiquated span that crosses the St. Croix River between Houlton, Wisconsin and Stillwater, Minnesota. Kind requested funds under the Transportation Equity Act for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century totaling \$50.5 million in order to cover 80 percent of Wisconsin's funding share for the project. Congressman Kennedy has done similar work to obtain funding for Minnesota's costs for the planned bridge.